

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Health Services Committee**, held Thursday, September 11, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

DeSaele-Chair, Brdak, Camphous-Peterson, Doherty, Drolet, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Switalski, Torrice and Crouchman (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner Slinde
Commissioner Szczepanski
Commissioner Vosburg

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair DeSaele called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Drolet, supported by Torrice, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the May 8, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON MARTHA T. BERRY

Chair DeSaele stated that several documents that she received were distributed and asked the committee to review and provide direction on whether they should be brought in to provide a presentation. She said Ms. Savalle-Dunn was present to provide an overview of a proposal by the Social Services Board.

Mr. Facione, Chair of the Social Services Board, recognized Ms. Savalle-Dunn since she was soon to transition to a new job outside the county. He also announced that Ms. Cyndi Davis, who has been with MTB since 1978 and is currently the Assistant Director, will serve as Interim Director of the facility.

Ms. Savalle-Dunn, Martha T. Berry Administrator, provided a concept presentation which included an overview of Martha T. Berry and its Board members, current patient mix/services, demographics, budget crisis and County subsidy. She spoke about the options available: closing of the facility, leasing, selling and contracting management. She stated the option of full management authority by the Social Services Board is the best and easiest option because it maintains the mission, vision and values of the facility and best satisfies all parties involved.

Mr. Facione also spoke in support of the Social Services Board's proposal to be the full management authority of Martha T. Berry. He said the Social Services Board is an extension of this Board and vowed that they are committed to doing what is best for Martha T. Berry while also reducing the County subsidy.

Chair DeSaele stated that the Social Services Board will be coming back next month with a formal proposal. She said she would like direction on whether those that have been submitting information should be invited to make a presentation or should a Request for Proposal be sent out.

Commissioner Doherty asked Mr. Diegel to bring a plan forward to one of the full committees as to how this should be approached. Extensive discussion took place regarding the merits of maintaining the 85/15 Medicaid patient mix and the mission of Martha T. Berry.

Chair DeSaele said she will invite companies that have indicated an interest in running Martha T. Berry to provide a proposal at the next Health Services Committee meeting.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Brdak, to receive and file the informational report on Martha T. Berry and to have a continuation of the report from the Social Services Board at the next meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

CONTINUE AGREEMENT WITH CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CARE HOUSE)

A packet was distributed.

Ms. Vasquez Bolin from Care House thanked the Board for its past support. She presented an overview of what services the funding covered last year and provided statistics. She acknowledged the difficult economic atmosphere, but noted that for communities that provide child advocacy services, the County saves an average of \$1,000 per case.

Ms. Camphous-Peterson stated that she will be abstaining because she provides contractual services to Care House.

MOTION

A motion was made by Switalski, supported by Doherty, to approve continuation of the agreement in the amount of \$25,000 with the Macomb County Child Advocacy Center ("Care House") and refer this to the Budget Committee. **The Motion Carried with Camphous-Peterson abstaining.**

REPORT FROM WATER QUALITY BOARD

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to receive and file a report of the Macomb County Water Quality Board outlining their August 12th meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

PROSECUTOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2008

Chair DeSaele indicated that Ms. Laemmerman had an emergency jury trial and was not available to attend the meeting.

MOTION

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the status report provided on the Prosecutor's Environmental Unit for August 2008, as submitted by Luanne Laemmerman. **The Motion Carried.**

S.W.I.M. TEAM REPORT FOR JULY, 2008

MOTION

A motion was made by Rocca, supported by Torrice, to receive and file the S.W.I.M. Team Report for July 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A MICHIGAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY ROCCA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A MICHIGAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,063 FOR THE PURCHASE AND FREE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS (CFLs) AND THE COLLECTION OF SPENT CFLs. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
2008-09 FLU PROGRAM**

Mr. Gold provided an update.

MOTION

A motion was made by Gielegghem, supported by Doherty, to receive and file the report from the Health Department on implementation of the 2008-09 Flu Program. **The Motion Carried.**

PROGRESS REPORT RE: ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Kalkofen reported that there had been another meeting with representatives of rescue organizations in August which included discussions regarding the use of volunteers at the shelter, placing more animals on the internet and implementing a policy for broader notification. He said that as a result of working with the Information Technology Department, non-employees may now sign on and upload photos of animals available for adoption and a daily notice will also be sent to rescue organizations detailing the animals available at the shelter.

He said that during previous discussions with Ms. Jeroue and Commissioner DeSaele, it was brought up that the Animal Shelter is seeing more citizens coming in indicating that they have to give up their animals because they cannot feed them. He said the Health Department will be putting together a program to assist individuals in getting food that is about to expire and donated by pet supply stores.

Commissioner Rocca suggested contacting manufacturers for assistance. Mr. Kalkofen agreed and said he would explore that.

Mr. Kalkofen noted that since March of last year, there have been a tremendous number of changes and the Health Department will be putting new implementations on hold in order to focus on operating more efficiently with all of the new changes.

MOTION

A motion was made by Torrice, supported by Rocca, to receive and file the progress report regarding the Macomb County Animal Shelter. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence was received regarding Alcoholics Anonymous groups being held in Spanish at Sacred Heart Church in Imlay City and St. Maximilian Parish Center in Macomb Township. Chair DeSaele indicated that the information will be forwarded to the judges.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the victims of the 911 terrorist attacks.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Torrice, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter